ON PROGRESSIVE MATRIMONY. +++++ BY JOHN KENDRICK BANGS.

ter-day slavery known as matrimony." "Oh-he does, does he?" laughed Redface. "Well, he has got nerve. Pretty bad business that for a novelist, I think, don't you? If you knock out matrimony

you stamp out population, and if you haven't got any population, who the deuce is going to buy the books your

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"Has he anything to lose. asked face.
"Bosh! You old pessimist!" retorted the Knocker. "Anything to lose—I guess he has. His name is George Meredith and he attacks no less an institution than that modern tyranny, the latter day slavery known as matrimony."

Total Title Bargain, face.
"I didn't say she hadn't," retorted the Knocker. "Of course she has something on her side. Billie isn't the man She married any more than she is the woman Billie married. It's positively immoral for them to go on living together, they're both so different. Billie gether, they're both so different. Billie was a gay, light-hearted, whole-souled youngster who had mighty few vices and pretty near all the virtues. Today he has few virtues and pretty near all the vices. The man who used to call upon her loaded to the brim with flowers and housebox, now comes home.

TELL you, Redface," said the Knocker as he entered the Growlers' lately, "there is at least one man of sense and courage in this speak. In gold world of ours—a man without pretense, with ideas that are not confounded by any of the foolish conventions of society, and the nerve to promulgate them."

"Has he anything to lose?" asked Redface.

"Well I gurss Mrs. S. has something to say on her side. She married Billie and at the end of two years she found she d taken his mother and two sisters and three maiden aunts and his brother into the bargain," said Redface.

"TELL you, Redface," said the Knocker as he entered the Growlers' about it that puts Billie tate her into a retort in kind, and her prospect for future happiness is about as great as the prevailing expectation what is the remedy for all this? The divorce courts with all the beastly noticely they involve, and in this particular case even at that a luxury beyond their means to indulge in—but that seven year contract! Ah, that would have been a blessed relief for Redface. what is the remedy for an conditional divorce courts with all the beastly notoriety they involve, and in this particular case even at that a luxury beyond their means to indulge in—but that seven year contract! Ah, that would have been a blessed relief for both, and blest if I don't think it would have brought 'em together cgain."

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"And how about the children?" demanded Redface.

"There are no children any "There are no children are are nother would have been a blessed relief for both would have been a blessed relief for both would have been a blessed relief for both would have a stronger effort to make themselves pleasing to each other."

"Brought 'em together again?" laughed Redface. Really, Knocker, my boy, how the devil does a release bring people together again?"

people together again?

"Plain as a pike staff." said the Knocker. I venture as say the seven year contract would result in more permanent matrimonial blessings. Suppose at the end of four years of married life you feel that in order to get a released to the muzzle with cocktails and highballs. The little jokes he used to care about life, that made her feel that an eternity passed with him would be all sunshine have become dull, expical insinuations that either wound her into silence or irri-

elope with your cousin Jim. or to flirt with your rich friend, Wilkins, would rut you on your mettle. You'd be as Jealous as all get out and the chances are that you'd take such a brace that on the renewal day those other chaps wouldn't be in it with you. The fact is that these renewal contracts would perforce introduce a little more courtship into married life, thereby adding to its pipuancy at least, if not contributive the state of the contribution o to its pipuancy at least, if not contribut-ing to its lasting happiness. It's only because we are sure of things that we allow ourselves to lapse into a con-temptuous attitude toward them, and it seems to me that if wives felt that some other woman might run off with their husbands, or husbands were made to fear that possibly after a period their wives would marry some other man, both would make a stronger ef-

"There are no children any more," said the Knocker. "There are babies but no more children. Under modern conditions infancy is followed by a period of little old man and wo-

spoonfuls of chopped green pepper, a half teaspoonful of mixed mustard and a tablespoonful of mixed mustard and a tablespoonful of melted butter. Split sheep's kidneys, remove the cores, spread with the mixture and broil. The day before mix a pint of hot mashed potatoes with butter, sait, pepper and a few spoonfuls of hot milk add the whites of two eggs whipped stiff and drop by spoonfuls on a greased pan. In the morning brown in a hot oven.

Bacon, to be crisp and dry, should be cut in paper-thin slices. The pan should be hot; it should brown within a minute and at once be transformed to a hot platter. Cold boiled potatoes are diced mixed with half as much white sauce, turned into a buttered dish, sprinkled with crumbs and browned in a hot oven.

The morning coffee should be served piping hot, clear and strong. Housekeepers will always differ as to the merits of boiled or fillered coffee. Experts usually prefer the latter, contending that when prepared in this manner it best retains its aroma and richness. For the former method beat a raw egg with half a cupful of cold water, mix one-half of this with one cupful of coffee ground moderately fine, adding more cold water to make a paste. Put in the pot, add three minutes with stoppered nozzle. Throw in a spoonful or two of cold water, draw to the side of the fire and let stand for five minutes to settle.

RUSSIA'S GOVERNMENT.

The Four Councils.

The third college established by Peter I in the year 172, is the holy synod, and to it is committed the superintendence of the it is committed the superintendence of the religious affairs of the empire. It is composed of the three metropolitans (St. Petersburg, Moscow and Kiev), the archishops, sitting in turn. All its decisions tun in the emperor's name and have no force till approved by him.

The feurth board of government is the committee of ministers. It consists of all the ministers, fourteen in number. Besides these five grand dukes and many functionaries, chiefly former ministers, form part of the committee.

The empire is divided into seventy-eight governments, nineteen provinces and 732 districts. At the head of each general government is a governor general, the representative of the emperor, with large powers.

The Russian empire comprises one seventh of the land surface of the globe, or an area of 8,660,325 square miles. The population was estimated in 1993 to be about 141,000,000. The lowest estimate which can be made of the peace strength of the Russian army, according to The Statesman's Year Book, puts the number of officers at 42,000, and of the rank and the more than 1,000,000 men, the total number about 1,100,000. In war the total strength is approximately 75,000 officers and 4,500,000 men; total, 4,600,000 men, with 562,000 horses. trength is approximately 75,000 officers and 4,500,000 men; total, 4,600,000 men, with

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These stories have achieved a great success—the greatest perhaps in the annals of so-called light litera-

This great success was, of course, due in part to the fact that the thirteen tales comprising the series are the last SHERLOCK HOLMES stories that will ever be written. Thousands of people have grown to regard Holmes as a personal friend, and they would not willingly miss reading a single one of his adventures, the more especially as the present SHERLOCK HOLMES stories will be followed by no others. THE RE-TURN OF SHERLOCK HOLMES" is SHERLOCK HOLMES' farewell performance. At the conclusion of the series he will become but a memory. On this point Sir Arthur is firm-he will write no more SHERLOCK HOLMES stories, now or later.

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to \$75,000 or \$80,000. As the stories have been published in an English magagine, and will be published in book form in that country, the English and American book and serial rights on "The Return of SHERLOCK HOLMES" will doubtless net Sir rthur Conan Doyle at least \$150,000.

The \$45,000 paid for the serial rights is by far the larg-

est sum ever received by any author for similar work. When Rudyard Kipling, in the heyday of his fame, wrote he sold the entire serial rights (both in America and England) to McClure & Phillips for \$25,000. This was regarded at the time as an incredibly large price. Yet it but little more than one-half the amount paid for the American serial rights alone of "The Return of SHER-LOCK HOLMES."

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